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## B. 1 301-10 PROVISION FOR PRICING AND PAYMENT (ALTERNATE I) (AUGUST 1985)

The total fixed price of this contract is <TO BE INSERTED AT AWARD> . Payment of that amount shall be made in accordance with the incorporated General Provision entitled "Payments" or "Payments under Fixed-Price Research and Development Contracts," whichever is applicable, and with any other supplementary payment scheme which may be otherwise negotiated and specified.

## SECTION C DESCRIPTION/SPECIFICATIONS/WORK STATEMENT

## C. 1 302-2 SCOPE OF WORK (FEBRUARY 1985)

The contractor shall furnish all personnel, materials, services, and facilities necessary to perform the requirements set forth in the Statement of Work, ATTACHMENT A- ITIM/EA SUPPORT PERFORMANCE WORK STATEMENT . This shall also be done in accordance with the specified General and Special Provisions and the contractor's final technical proposal, which are hereby incorporated by reference as a part of the contract.

## SECTION D PACKAGING AND MARKING

- D. 1 303-1 SHIPMENT AND MARKING (MARCH 1986)
- (a) The contract number shall be placed on or adjacent to all exterior mailing or shipping labels of deliverable items called for by the contract. (b) Ship deliverable items to: US Department of Education OCFO/Contracts and Acquisitions Management 550-12th Street, SW Room 7143 Washington, DC 20202-4210 ATTN: Veronica L. Price Contract Specialist and TO: <NAME & ADDRESS OF COR INSERTED AT AWARD> (c) Mark deliverables for: <NAME INSERTED AT AWARD>, COR

# SECTION E INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

## E. 1 304-1 INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE (FEBRUARY 1985)

Pursuant to the inspection clause, Section I, final inspection and acceptance of all contracted items shall be made by the Contracting Officer.

## SECTION F DELIVERIES OR PERFORMANCE

## F. 1 305-6 DELIVERABLES (MARCH 1986)

All deliverables shall be submitted in accordance with the kinds, quantities and dates indicated in the attached Statement of Work.

F. 2 52.242-15 STOP-WORK ORDER (AUG 1989)

(Reference 52.242-15)

F. 3 305-4 PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE (MARCH 1986)

The period of performance shall be from September 25, 2009  $\,$  to March 24, 2010 , inclusive of all specified deliveries and/or task work.

## SECTION G CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATA

G. 1 306-18 PROCESSING OF NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIMS(MARCH 1987)

Assignments of claims shall be handled in accordance with FAR 32.805.

In accordance with FAR 32.802(e), the assignee shall send a copy of the written notice of assignment together with a true copy of the assignment instrument to the:

- (1) contracting officer,
- (2) surety on any bond applicable to the contract, and
- (3) the designated Government disbursement officer(Block 12 of SF-26 or Block 25 of SF-33).

Departmental execution requires the acknowledgement of the contracting officer and endorsement by the disbursement officer. The contractor shall be responsible for confirming that the notice is submitted and that assignment of payment is being made.

- G. 2 306-1a INVOICE AND CONTRACT FINANCING REQUESTS SUBMISSION (ALTERNATE I) (JAN 2007)
- (A) Payments shall be rendered in accordance with the payments clause(s) of the incorporated contract clause section and with those otherwise specified rated or fixed price amounts. (B) The contractor shall submit invoices electronically as an attachment to a message to OCFOCAMINVOICING@ED.GOV. The subject area of the message shall contain the invoice number, contract number, and contract specialist's name. The electronic copy of the invoice shall be in a format that is supported by Microsoft Office (Microsoft Word or Excel), or Adobe Acrobat (.pdf).
- G. 3 306-2 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTROL OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY (JANUARY 1989)
- (A) The contractor shall request written authorization from the contracting officer before acquiring any contractually necessary property to which the Government will have title. The request shall include complete descriptions of all individual items which will exceed \$1,000 in cost, including:
- (a) a brief statement of function;
- (b) manufacturer and manufacturer's brand name, model or part number;
- (c) vendor and its proposed price;
- (B) Management of government property in the possession of the contractor shall be in accordance with FAR Part 45. The contractor shall provide an annual report of total property acquisition cost, as required by FAR 45.505-14.
- G. 4 306-5 CONTRACTING OFFICER'S REPRESENTATIVE (COR) (FEB 2006)
- (a) The Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) is responsible for the technical aspects of the project, technical liaison with the Contractor, and any other responsibilities that are specified in the contract. These responsibilities include inspecting all deliverables, including reports, and recommending acceptance or rejection to the Contracting Officer. (b) The COR is not authorized to make any commitments or otherwise obligate the Government or authorize any changes which affect the contract price, terms or conditions. Any contractor requests for changes shall be submitted in writing directly to the Contracting Officer or through the COR. No such changes shall be made without the written authorization of the Contracting Officer. (c) The COR's name and address: <TO BE INSERTED AT AWARD> including the COR may be changed by the Government at any time, but notification of the change, including the name and address of the successor COR, will be provided to the Contractor by the Contracting Officer in writing.
- G. 5 306-8 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR (FEB 1985)

The Contractor shall designate one individual to be contacted during the period of the contract for prompt contract administration. <TO BE INSERTED AT AWARD> <TO BE INSERTED AT AWARD> <TO BE INSERTED AT AWARD>

## SECTION H SPECIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

#### H. 1 301-20 PROHIBITION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES (FEB 1995)

The contractor shall comply with all applicable requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 including Section 302, which provides that:

"No individual shall be discriminated against on the basis of disability in the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations of any place of public accommodation by any person who owns, leases (or leases to), or operates a place of public accommodation."

Failure to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, shall be considered a failure to comply with the terms of this contract.

### H. 2 307-12 CONSENT TO SUBCONTRACT (AUGUST 1998)

Consent is hereby given to the contractor to subcontract with TBD in the amount stated in its final proposal revision.

#### H. 3 307-13 DEPARTMENT SECURITY REQUIREMENTS (JUNE 2006)

The Contractor and its subcontractors shall comply with Department Security policy requirements as set A. The Statement of Work of this contract; B. The Privacy Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-579, U.S.C. 552a); C. The U.S. Department of Education Handbook for Information Assurance Security Policy, OCIO-01 (March 2006); and D. The U.S. Department of Education Handbook for Information D. D. The U.S. Department of Education Departmental Directive OM:5-101, "Contractor Employee Personnel Security Screenings." The Contractor may request copies of the above referenced documents by contacting the Contract Specialist via phone at (202) 245-6158 or via e-mail at VERONICA.PRICE@ED.GOV . Contractor employee positions required under this contract and their designated risk levels: High Risk (HR): Moderate Risk (MR): 5C - ALL CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL Low Risk (LR): All contractor employees must undergo personnel security screening if they will be employed for thirty (30) days or more, in accordance with Departmental Directive OM:5-101, "Contractor Employee Personnel Screenings." The type of screening and the timing of the screening will depend upon the nature of the contractor position, the type of data to be accessed, and the type of information technology (IT) system access required. Personnel security screenings will be commensurate with the risk and magnitude of harm the individual could cause. The contractor shall: - Ensure that all non-U.S. citizen contractor permanent residents of the United States or have appropriate work employees are lawful authorization documents as required by the Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Immigration and Appeals, to work in the United States. - Ensure that no employees are Immigration and Appeals, to work in the United assigned to High Risk designated positions prior to a completed preliminary screening. Submit all required personnel security forms to the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) s of an assignment to a Department contract and ensure that the forms are - Ensure that no contractor employee is placed in a higher risk position within 24 hours of an assignment to a position than without the approval of the Contracting that for which he or she was previously approved, Officer or his or her representative, the Department Personnel Security Officer, and the Computer Security Officer. - Ensure that all contractor employees occupying High Risk design - Ensure that all contractor employees occupying High Risk designated positions submit forms for reinvestigation every five (5) years for the duration of the contract Department contract of 365 days or more. or if there is a break in service to a - Report to the COR all instances of individuals seeking to obtain unauthorized access to any departmental unclassified and/or Privacy Act protected information. IT system, or sensitive but - Report to the COR any information that raises an issue as to whether a contractor employee's eligibility for continued employment or access to Department IT systems, or sensitive but and/or Privacy Act protected information, promotes the efficiency of unclassified service or violates the public trust. - Withdraw from consideration under the contract any receiving an unfavorable adjudication determination. - Officially notify each longer work on a Department contract. contractor employee if he or she will no - Abide by the requirements in Departmental Directive OM:5-101, "Contractor Employee Personnel Screenings." Further information including definitions of terms used in this clause and a list of required investigative forms for each risk designation are contained in Departmental Directive OM:5-101, "Contractor Employee Personnel Screenings." Failure to comply with the contractor personnel security requirements may result in a termination of the contract for default.

## H. 4 307-15 WITHHOLDING OF CONTRACT PAYMENTS - SECURITY (JUN 2006)

Notwithstanding any other payment provisions of this contract, failure of the contractor to submit required forms, responses or reports when due; failure to perform or deliver required work, supplies, or services; or, failure to meet any of the requirements of the contract, to include all requirements as specified in Clause 307-13 Department Security Requirements, will result in the withholding of payments under this contract in such amounts as the contracting officer deems appropriate, unless the failure arises out of causes beyond the control, and without the fault of negligence, of the contractor, as defined by the clause entitled "Excusable Delays or Default", as applicable. The Government shall promptly notify the contractor of its intention to withhold payment of any invoice or voucher submitted. Payment will be withheld until the failure is cured, a new delivery schedule is

agreed upon, or payment is made as part of a termination settlement.

- H. 5 307-17 CONFLICT OF INTEREST (AUG 2007)
- (A) The contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant, has certified that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, there are no relevant facts or circumstances which could give rise to an organizational or personal conflict of interest, (see FAR Subpart 9.5 for organizational conflicts of interest), (or apparent conflict of interest) for the organization or any of its staff, and that the contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant has disclosed all such relevant information if such a conflict of interest appears to exist to a reasonable person with knowledge of the relevant facts (or if such a person would question the impartiality of the contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant). Conflicts may arise in the following situations:
- 1. Unequal access to information a potential contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant has access to non-public information through its performance on a government contract.
- 2. Biased ground rules a potential contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant has worked, in one government contract, or program, on the basic structure or ground rules of another government contract,
- 3. Impaired objectivity a potential contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant, or member of their immediate family (spouse, parent or child) has financial or other interests that would impair, or give the appearance of impairing, impartial judgment in the evaluation of government programs, in offering advice or recommendations to the government, or in providing technical assistance or other services to recipients of Federal funds as part of its contractual responsibility.

  "Impaired objectivity" includes but is not limited to the following situations that would cause a reasonable person with knowledge of the relevant facts to question a person's objectivity:

   financial interests or reasonably foreseeable financial interests in or in connection with products, property, or services that may be purchased by an educational agency, a person, organization, or institution in the course of implementing any program administered by the Department;

   significant connections to teaching methodologies that might require or encourage the use of specific products, property or services; or

   significant identification with pedagogical or philosophical viewpoints that might require or encourage the use of a specific curriculum, specific products, property or services.

  Offerors must provide the disclosure described above on any actual or potential conflict (or apparent conflict of interest) of interest regardless of their opinion that such a conflict or potential conflict (or apparent conflict of interest) is disclosed, the
- In a case in which an actual or potential conflict (or apparent conflict of interest) is disclosed, the Department will take appropriate actions to eliminate or address the actual or potential conflict (or apparent conflict of interest), including but not limited to mitigating or neutralizing the conflict, when appropriate, through such means as ensuring a balance of views, disclosure with the appropriate disclaimers, or by restricting or modifying the work to be performed to avoid or reduce the conflict. In this clause, the term "potential conflict" means reasonably foreseeable conflict of interest.

  (B) The contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant agrees that if "impaired objectivity", or an actual or potential conflict of interest (or apparent conflict of interest) is discovered after the award is made, it will make a full disclosure in writing to the Contracting Officer. This disclosure shall include a description of actions that the Contractor has taken or proposes to take, after consultation with the Contracting Officer, to avoid, mitigate, or neutralize the actual or potential conflict (or apparent conflict of interest).
- (C) Remedies The Government may terminate this contract for convenience, in whole or in part, if it deems such termination necessary to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest. If the Contractor was aware of a potential conflict of interest prior to award or discovered an actual or potential conflict (or apparent conflict of interest) after award and did not disclose or misrepresented relevant information to the Contracting Officer, the Government may terminate the contract for default, or pursue such other remedies as may be permitted by law or this contract. These remedies include imprisonment for up to five years for violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 1001 and fines of up to \$5000 for violation of Title 31, U.S. Code, Section 3802. Further remedies include suspension or debarment from contracting with the federal government. The Contractor may also be required to reimburse the Department for costs the Department incurs arising from activities related to conflicts of interest. An example of such costs would be those incurred in processing Freedom of Information Act requests related to a conflict of interest.
- (D) In cases where remedies short of termination have been applied, the contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant agrees to eliminate the organizational conflict of interest, or mitigate it to the satisfaction of the Contracting Officer.
- the satisfaction of the Contracting Officer.

  (E) The Contractor further agrees to insert in any subcontract or consultant agreement hereunder, provisions which shall conform substantially to the language of this clause, including specific mention of potential remedies and this paragraph (E).

## H. 6 307-19 REDACTED PROPOSALS (DECEMBER 1998)

The contractor shall provide a redacted copy of its successful technical proposal to the Contracting Officer within five (5) days after contract award. The redacted proposal shall be suitable for release by the Government under a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. The redacted proposal shall be submitted in an electronic format that is readable by Microsoft Office applications.

H. 7 307-24 CONSULTANT SERVICES AND CONSENT (APRIL 1986)

The Contractor shall obtain the consent of the Contracting Officer prior to using any consultant on this contract. The Contractor shall determine whether any consultant that is used has in effect an agreement with another Federal agency for similar or like services and, if so, shall notify the Contracting Officer.

(TO BE INSERTED AT AWARD, if applicable)

#### H. 8 307-3 DUAL COMPENSATION (MARCH 1985)

If a project staff member, subcontractor, or consultant is involved in two or more projects, at least one of which is supported by Federal funds, he/she may not be compensated for more than 100 percent of his/her time during any part of the period of dual involvement. That is, an individual is prohibited from receiving double payment for any given period of work.

### H. 9 307-8 PAYMENT OF PRINTING TO BE PERFORMED BY THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE (APRIL 1992)

The General Provisions of this contract set forth the Department's policy regarding printing to be performed in order to meet the terms of the contract. Should the services of the Government Printing Office (GPO) be required, the contractor shall request to the Department of Education to requisition those, subject to the contractor's provision of a completed SF-1, Printing and Binding Requisition to the Public Printer. Payment to the GPO shall be made directly by the Department and charged to the Contract.

### H. 10 313-2 SUBCONTRACT APPROVAL (AUGUST 1998)

The contractor shall obtain the Contracting Officer's approval prior to entering into any subcontracting agreement with another concern in the performance of an 8(a) contract.

The Contracting Officer will not approve any subcontracting arrangement where:

- (1) The performance of work requirements set forth in 13 CFR 124.314 would not be met;
- (2) The proposed subcontractor has been suspended, debarred, or determined to be ineligible by any Federal agency;
- (3) The Contracting Officer determines that the proposed subcontractor would control the performance of the requirement;
- (4) The Contracting Officer determines that the proposed subcontracting relationship is not an arms length agreement; or
- (5) The Contracting Officer determines that the proposed subcontracting arrangement is an attempt to circumvent the Small Business Administration's size regulations.

## H. 11 316-1 ACCESSIBILITY OF SOFTWARE (OCTOBER 1999)

The Department of Education (ED) considers universal accessibility to information a priority for all its employees and external customers, including individuals with disabilities.

Under Sections 504 and 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. sections 794 and 794d, as amended), ED must ensure the accessibility of its programs and activities, specifically its obligation to acquire and use accessible electronic and information technology. ED maintains the manual, "Requirements for Accessible Software Design," to convey the accessibility

needs of the Department to the developers and suppliers of computer applications. To comply with the provisions of this clause, the contractor may use the edition of the ED manual "Requirements for Accessible Software Design" in effect at the date of award of this contract or any more recent edition. A copy of the most recent edition of the manual may be found at

- http://www.ed.gov/fund/contract/apply/clibrary/software.html
  (a) Software delivered to or developed for ED--Except as provided in paragraph (b) or (c) of this clause, all software delivered to or developed for ED, under this contract, for use by ED's employees or external customers must meet all the requirements of the ED manual "Requirements for Accessible Software Design." However, in accordance with paragraph (c) of this clause, the contracting officer may waive a particular requirement of the ED Manual, provided that ED's use of the software will meet the requirements of Sections 504 and 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. sections 794 and 794d, as amended).
  - (b) Software enhanced or modified for ED--Any enhancements and other modifications, made under this contract to software for use by ED's employees or external customers, are subject to the requirements of paragraph (a) of this clause, regardless of where or how the software was first developed. Except as otherwise specified elsewhere in the contract schedule, the contractor is only required to ensure that enhancements or modifications (not other, preexisting features or components) of the software fully comply with the accessibility requirements of paragraph (a). However, the contractor is encouraged point out any preexisting features or components that do not meet accessibility requirements and to suggest solutions to ensure the software complies.
  - (c) Waiver of requirements--It is recognized that new technologies may provide solutions that are not envisioned in or consistent with the provisions of the manual "Requirements for Accessible Software Design." Also, compliance with certain requirements of the manual may not be feasible for the particular software required. In such extraordinary circumstances, the contracting officer may grant a waiver, in writing, to any requirement of the manual or of this clause if it furthers a public interest of ED and will not significantly impair ED's ability to ensure accessibility of its programs and activities to all its employees and external customers, including individuals with disabilities. To request a waiver, the contractor shall notify the contracting officer in writing, listing the specific accessibility requirements that would not be met and explaining how the accessibility of a particular feature can be achieved by alternative means or why it is not feasible to make a feature of the software accessible.
  - (d) Condition of payment--The contractor agrees that compliance with the provisions of this clause upon delivery of the software to ED is a condition of payment under this contract.

## H. 12 317-1 ACCOMMODATION/ACCESSIBILITY FOR THE DISABLED (OCTOBER 1999)

The acquisition and management of Federal Information Processing

(FIP) resources shall be conducted in a manner that ensures access to computer and telecommunications products and services by all individuals, both federal employees and the public sector, including individuals with disabilities. The acquisition,

management and utilization of FIP resources are subject to the computer accommodation and information accessibility for individuals with disabilities contained in Section 508 of the the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, P.L. 105-220; Telecommunications Act of 1996, P.L. 104-104 February 1996, 110 Stat. 56; and in the Telecommunications Accessibility Enhancement Act, P.L. 100-542 October 1988.

FIP resources required under this contract include computer accommodation and information accessibility where the goal is to ensure full access, integration, and continuity of support to all individuals, including individuals with disabilities.

"Computer accommodation" means the acquisition or modification of FIP resources to minimize the functional limitations of individuals with disabilities so as to promote productivity and provide access to work-related or public information resources. "Individuals with disabilities" are individuals with limitations of vision, hearing, speech and/or mobility. The contractor shall ensure that FIP resources are equally provided to all individuals, including individuals with disabilities.

H. 13 3452.243-70 KEY PERSONNEL (AUG 1987)

The personnel designated as key personnel in this contract are considered to be essential to the work being performed hereunder. Prior to diverting any of the specified individuals to other programs, or otherwise substituting any other personnel for specified personnel, the contractor shall notify the contracting officer reasonably in advance and shall submit justification (including proposed substitutions) in sufficient detail to permit evaluation of the impact on the contract effort. No diversion or substitution shall be made by the contractor without written consent of the contracting officer; provided, that the contracting officer may ratify a diversion or substitution in writing and that ratification shall constitute the consent of the contracting officer required by this clause. The contractor shall be modified to reflect that addition or deletion personnel.

(End of clause)

- $\hbox{H. 14} \qquad \hbox{52.219-14} \quad \hbox{LIMITATIONS ON SUBCONTRACTING (DEC 1996)}$
- (a) This clause does not apply to the unrestricted portion of a partial set-aside.(b) By submission of an offer and execution of a contract, the Offeror/Contractor agrees that in performance of the contract in the case of a contract for--
- (1) "Services (except construction)." At least 50 percent of the cost of contract performance incurred for personnel shall be expended for employees of the concern.
  - (2) "Supplies (other than procurement from a nonmanufacturer of such supplies)." The concern shall

perform work for at least 50 percent of the cost of manufacturing the supplies, not including the cost

- (3) "General construction." The concern will perform at least 15 percent of the cost of the contract, not including the cost of materials, with its own employees.
- (4) "Construction by special trade contractors." The concern will perform at least 25 percent of the cost of the contract, not including the cost of materials, with its own employees.

(End of Clause)

#### COMPETITION RESTRICTION H. 15

#### Competition Restriction

- (a) In order to prevent a future OCI resulting from potential bias, unfair competitive advantage, or
- impaired objectivity, the Contractor shall be subject to the following restrictions:
  (1) The Contractor shall be excluded from competition for, or award of any government contracts as to which, in the course of performance of this contract, the Contractor has received advance procurement information before such information has been made generally available to other persons or firms. (2) The Contractor shall be excluded from competition for, or award of any ED contract for which the
- contractor actually assists in the development of the screening information request (SIR), specifications, functional requirements documents (FRD), statements of work (SOW), performance work statements (PWS), or statements of objectives (SOO).
- (3) The Contractor shall be excluded from competition for or award of any government contract which calls for the evaluation of system requirements, system definitions, or other products developed by the Contractor under this contract.
- (4) The Contractor shall be excluded from competition for, or award or any government contract which calls for the construction or fabrication of any system, equipment, hardware, and/or software for which the Contractor participated in the development of requirements or definitions pursuant to this
- (b) This clause shall not exclude the Contractor from performing work under any amendment or modification to this contract or from competing for award of any future contract for work that is the same or similar to work performed under this contract.
- (c) The term "contractor", as used in this clause, includes any person, firm, or corporation which was a majority or controlling interest in the contractor or in any parent corporation thereof; any person, firm, or corporation in or as to which the contractor (or any parent or subsidiary corporation thereof) has a majority or controlling interest. The term also includes the corporate officers of the contractor, those of any corporation which has a majority or controlling interest in the contractor, and those of any corporation in which the contractor (or any parent or subsidiary corporation thereof) has a majority interest controlling interest.
- (d) The agency may in its sole discretion, waive any provisions of this clause if deemed in the best interest of the Government. The exclusions contained in this clause shall apply for the duration of this contract and for one (1) year after completion and acceptance of all work performed hereunder. (e) If any provision of this clause excludes the Contractor from competition for, or award of any contract, the Contractor shall not be permitted to serve as a subcontractor, at any tier, on such contract. This clause shall be incorporated into any subcontracts or consultant agreements awarded under this contract unless the Contracting Officer determines otherwise. (End of Clause)

## SECTION I CONTRACT CLAUSES

I. 1 3452.227-71 PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT (AUG 1987)

(Reference 3452.227-71)

I. 2 3452.242-73 ACCESSIBILITY OF MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND SEMINARS TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (AUG 1987)

The contractor shall assure that any meeting, conference, or seminar held pursuant to the contract will meet all applicable standards for accessibility to persons with disabilities pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794) and any implementing regulations of the Department.

(End of clause)

I. 3 52.202-1 DEFINITIONS (JUL 2004)

(Reference 52.202-1)

I. 4 52.203-5 COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES (APR 1984)

(Reference 52.203-5)

- I. 5 52.203-6 RESTRICTIONS ON SUBCONTRACTOR SALES TO THE GOVERNMENT (SEP 2006)
- (a) Except as provided in (b) of this clause, the Contractor shall not enter into any agreement with an actual or prospective subcontractor, nor otherwise act in any manner, which has or may have the effect of restricting sales by such subcontractors directly to the Government of any item or process (including computer software) made or furnished by the subcontractor under this contract or under any follow-on production contract.
- (b) The prohibition in (a) of this clause does not preclude the Contractor from asserting rights that are otherwise authorized by law or regulation.
- (c) The Contractor agrees to incorporate the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (c), in all subcontracts under this contract which exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.

(End of Clause)

I. 6 52.204-7 CENTRAL CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION (APR 2008)

(Reference 52.204-7)

I. 7 52.207-3 RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL OF EMPLOYMENT (MAY 20-06)

(Reference 52.207-3)

I. 8 52.209-6 PROTECTING THE GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST WHEN SUBCONTRACTING WITH CONTRACTORS DEBARRED, SUSPENDED, OR PROPOSED FOR DEBARMENT (SEP 2006)

(Reference 52.209-6)

I. 9 52.217-8 OPTION TO EXTEND SERVICES (NOV 1999)

The Government may require continued performance of any services within the limits and at the rates specified in the contract. These rates may be adjusted only as a result of revisions to prevailing labor rates provided by the Secretary of Labor. The option provision may be exercised more than once, but the total extension of performance hereunder shall not exceed 6 months. The Contracting Officer may exercise the option by written notice to the Contractor within 60 days

(End of Clause)

I. 10 52.222-36 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION FOR WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES (JUN 1998)

(Reference 52.222-36)

I. 11 52.224-1 PRIVACY ACT NOTIFICATION (APR 1984)

(Reference 52.224-1)

I. 12 52.224-2 PRIVACY ACT (APR 1984)

(Reference 52.224-2)

I. 13 52.232-25 PROMPT PAYMENT (OCT 2008)

(Reference 52.232-25)

I. 14 52.232-33 PAYMENT BY ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER--CENTRAL CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION (OCT 2003)

(Reference 52.232-33)

- I. 15 52.204-4 PRINTED OR COPIED DOUBLE-SIDED ON RECYCLED PAPER (AUG 2000)
  - (a) Definitions. As used in this clause--

"Postconsumer material" means a material or finished product that has served its intended use and has been discarded for disposal or recovery, having completed its life as a consumer item. Postconsumer material is a part of the broader category of "recovered material." For paper and paper products, postconsumer material means "postconsumer fiber" defined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as--

- (1) Paper, paperboard, and fibrous materials from retail stores, office buildings, homes, and so forth, after they have passed through their end-usage as a consumer item, including: used corrugated boxes; old newspapers; old magazines; mixed waste paper; tabulating cards; and used cordage; or
- (2) All paper, paperboard, and fibrous materials that enter and are collected from municipal solid waste; but not
- (3) Fiber derived from printers' over-runs, converters' scrap, and over-issue publications. "Printed or copied double-sided" means printing or reproducing a document so that information is on both sides of a sheet of paper.

"Recovered material," for paper and paper products, is defined by EPA in its Comprehensive Procurement Guideline as "recovered fiber" and means the following materials:

- (1) Postconsumer fiber; and
- (2) Manufacturing wastes such as--
- (i) Dry paper and paperboard waste generated after completion of the papermaking process (that is, those manufacturing operations up to and including the cutting and trimming of the paper machine reel into smaller rolls or rough sheets) including: envelope cuttings, bindery trimmings, and other paper and paperboard waste resulting from printing, cutting, forming, and other converting operations; bag, box, and carton manufacturing wastes; and butt rolls, mill wrappers, and rejected unused stock; and
- (ii) Repulped finished paper and paperboard from obsolete inventories of paper and paperboard manufacturers, merchants, wholesalers, dealers, printers, converters, or others.(b) In accordance with Section 101 of Executive Order 13101 of September 14, 1998, Greening the
- (b) In accordance with Section 101 of Executive Order 13101 of September 14, 1998, Greening the Government through Waste Prevention, Recycling, and Federal Acquisition, the Contractor is encouraged to submit paper documents, such as offers, letters, or reports, that are printed or copied double-sided on recycled paper that meet minimum content standards specified in Section 505 of Executive Order 13101, when not using electronic commerce methods to submit information or data to the Government.
- (c) If the Contractor cannot purchase high-speed copier paper, offset paper, forms bond, computer printout paper, carbonless paper, file folders, white wove envelopes, writing and office paper, book paper, cotton fiber paper, and cover stock meeting the 30 percent postconsumer material standard for use in submitting paper documents to the Government, it should use paper containing no less than 20 percent postconsumer material. This lesser standard should be used only when paper meeting the 30 percent postconsumer material standard is not obtainable at a reasonable price or does not meet reasonable performance standards.

(End of Clause)

I. 16 52.233-3 PROTEST AFTER AWARD (AUG 1996)

(Reference 52.233-3)

I. 17 52.243-1 I CHANGES--FIXED-PRICE (AUG 1987)--ALTERNATE I (APR 1984)

(Reference 52.243-1 I)

I. 18 52.244-5 COMPETITION IN SUBCONTRACTING (DEC 1996)

(Reference 52.244-5)

I. 19 52.246-4 INSPECTION OF SERVICES--FIXED-PRICE (AUG 1996)

(Reference 52.246-4)

I. 20 52.248-1 VALUE ENGINEERING (FEB 2000)

(Reference 52.248-1)

I. 21 52.249-2 I TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT (FIXED-PRICE) (MAY 2004)-- ALTERNATE I (SEP 1996)

(Reference 52.249-2 I)

I. 22 52.249-8 DEFAULT (FIXED-PRICE SUPPLY AND SERVICE) (APR 1984)

(Reference 52.249-8)

I. 23 52.252-1 SOLICITATION PROVISIONS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

This solicitation incorporates one or more solicitation provisions by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. The offeror is cautioned that the listed provisions may include blocks that must be completed by the offeror and submitted with its quotation or offer. In lieu of submitting the full text of those provisions, the offeror may identify the provision by paragraph identifier and provide the appropriate information with its quotation or offer. Also, the full text of a solicitation provision may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es):

www.arnet.gov and HTTP: deskbook.dau.mil/

(End of Provision)

I. 24 307-1 ORDER OF PRECEDENCE (SOLICITATION) (NOVEMBER 1986)

Any inconsistency in this solicitation shall be resolved by giving

precedence in the following order:

- (a) the Schedule (excluding the work statement or specification),
- (b) representations and other instructions,
- (c) contract clauses (Section I)
- (d) any incorporated documents, exhibits, or attachments, excluding the work statement or specifications, and
- (e) work statement or specifications.
- I. 25 52.203-6 I RESTRICTIONS ON SUBCONTRACTOR SALES TO THE GOVERNMENT (SEP 2006)-- ALTERNATE I (OCT 1995)

(Reference 52.203-6 I)

I. 26 - 52.203-8 CANCELLATION, RESCISSION, AND RECOVERY OF FUNDS FOR ILLEGAL OR IMPROPER ACTIVITY (JAN 1997)

(Reference 52.203-8)

I. 27 52.203-10 PRICE OR FEE ADJUSTMENT FOR ILLEGAL OR IMPROPER ACTIVITY (JAN 1997)

(Reference 52.203-10)

I. 28 52.222-21 PROHIBITION OF SEGREGATED FACILITIES (FEB 1999)

- (a) "Segregated facilities," as used in this clause, means any waiting rooms, work areas, rest rooms and wash rooms, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing facilities provided for employees, that are segregated by explicit directive or are in fact segregated on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin because of written or oral policies or employee custom. The term does not include separate or single-user rest rooms or necessary dressing or sleeping areas provided to assure privacy between the sexes.
- (b) The Contractor agrees that it does not and will not maintain or provide for its employees any segregated facilities at any of its establishments, and that it does not and will not permit its employees to perform their services at any location under its control where segregated facilities are maintained. The Contractor agrees that a breach of this clause is a violation of the Equal Opportunity clause in this contract.

  (c) The Contractor shall include this clause in every subcontract and purchase order that is subject
- to the Equal Opportunity clause of this contract.

(End of Clause)

52.222-26 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (MAR 2007)

(Reference 52.222-26)

I. 30 52.222-35 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR SPECIAL DISABLED VETERANS, VETERANS OF THE VIETNAM ERA, AND OTHER ELIGIBLE VETERANS. [SEP 2006]

(Reference 52.222-35)

- I. 31 52.223-6 DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE (MAY 2001)
  - (a) "Definitions." As used in this clause--

"Controlled substance" means a controlled substance in schedules I through V of section 202 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812) and as further defined in regulation at 21 CFR 1308.11 -1308.15.

"Conviction" means a finding of guilt (including a plea of nolo contendere) or imposition of sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility to determine violations of the Federal or State criminal drug statutes.

"Criminal drug statute" means a Federal or non-Federal criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of any controlled substance.

"Drug-free workplace" means the site(s) for the performance of work done by the Contractor in connection with a specific contract where employees of the Contractor are prohibited from engaging in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance.

"Employee" means an employee of a Contractor directly engaged in the performance of work under a Government contract. "Directly engaged" is defined to include all direct cost employees and any other Contractor employee who has other than a minimal impact or involvement in contract performance.

"Individual" means an offeror/contractor that has no more than one employee including the offeror/contractor.

- (b) The Contractor, if other than an individual, shall- within 30 days after award (unless a longer period is agreed to in writing for contracts of 30 days or more performance duration), or as soon as possible for contracts of less than 30 days performance duration--
- (1) Publish a statement notifying its employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the Contractor's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition;

(2) Establish an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform such employees about-

- (i) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
- (ii) The Contractor's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace; (iii) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and (iv) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
- (3) Provide all employees engaged in performance of the contract with a copy of the statement required by paragraph (b)(1) of this clause;
- (4) Notify such employees in writing in the statement required by paragraph (b)(1) of this clause that, as a condition of continued employment on this contract, the employee will--
  - (i) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
- (ii) Notify the employer in writing of the employee's conviction under a criminal drug statute violation occurring in the workplace no later than 5 days after such conviction;
- (5) Notify the Contracting Officer in writing within 10 days after receiving notice under subdivision (b)(4)(ii) of this clause, from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. The notice shall include the position title of the employee;
- (6) Within 30 days after receiving notice under subdivision (b)(4)(ii) of this clause of a conviction, take one of the following actions with respect to any employee who is convicted of a drug abuse violation occurring in the workplace:
- (i) Taking appropriate personnel action against such employee, up to and including termination;
  - (ii) Require such employee to satisfactorily participate in a drug abuse assistance or

rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency; and

(7) Make a good faith effort to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (b)(1) through (b)(6) of this clause.

(c) The Contractor, if an individual, agrees by award of the contract or acceptance of a purchase order, not to engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance while performing this contract.

(d) In addition to other remedies available to the Government, the Contractor's failure to comply with the requirements of paragraph (b) or (c) of this clause may, pursuant to FAR 23.506, render the Contractor subject to suspension of contract payments, termination of the contract or default, and suspension or debarment.

(End of Clause)

I. 32 52.223-14 TOXIC CHEMICAL RELEASE REPORTING (AUG 2003)

(Reference 52.223-14)

I. 33 52.225-3 BUY AMERICAN ACT--FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS--ISRAELI TRADE ACT [FEB 2009]

(Reference 52.225-3)

I. 34 52.232-23 ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIMS (JAN 1986)

(Reference 52.232-23)

- I. 35 52.253-1 COMPUTER GENERATED FORMS (JAN 1991)
- (a) Any data required to be submitted on a Standard or Optional Form prescribed by the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) may be submitted on a computer generated version of the form, provided there is no change to the name, content, or sequence of the data elements on the form, and provided the form carries the Standard or Optional Form number and edition date.
- (b) Unless prohibited by agency regulations, any data required to be submitted on an agency unique form prescribed by an agency supplement to the FAR may be submitted on a computer generated version of the form provided there is no change to the name, content, or sequence of the data elements on the form and provided the form carries the agency form number and edition date.
- (c) If the Contractor submits a computer generated version of a form that is different than the required form, then the rights and obligations of the parties will be determined based on the content of the required form.

(End of Clause)

I. 36 52.232-1 PAYMENTS (APR 1984)

(Reference 52.232-1)

- I. 37 52.217-9 OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT (MAR 2000)
- (a) The Government may extend the term of this contract by written notice to the Contractor within 60 days provided that the Government gives the Contractor a preliminary written notice of its intent to extend at least 30 days days before the contract expires. The preliminary notice does not commit the Government to an extension.
- (b) If the Government exercises this option, the extended contract shall be considered to include this option clause.
- (c) The total duration of this contract, including the exercise of any options under this clause, shall not exceed 48 months. Base Period: September 25, 2009 March 24, 2010; Option Period I: March 25, 2010 March 24, 2011; Option Period II: March 25, 2011 March 24, 2012; Option Period III: March 25, 2012 March 24, 2013

(End of Clause)

## SECTION J LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

## J. 1 309-1a LIST OF ATTACHMENTS (APRIL 1984)

Attachment A - Performance Work Statement (PWS) with Appendices A, B, and C; Attachment B - Quality Assurance Surveillance Plan; Attachment C - Contractor's Performance Information Form; and Attachment D - ITIM EA B Tables

## SECTION K REPRESENTATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS AND OTHER STATEMENTS OF OFFERORS

- K. 1 307-17a CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION (AUG 2007)
- (A) The contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant, by signing the form in this clause, certifies that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, there are no relevant facts or circumstances which could give rise to an organizational or personal conflict of interest, (see FAR Subpart 9.5 for organizational conflicts of interest) (or apparent conflict of interest), for the organization or any of its staff, and that the contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant has disclosed all such relevant information if such a conflict of interest appears to exist to a reasonable person with knowledge of the relevant facts (or if such a person would question the impartiality of the contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant). Conflicts may arise in the following situations:
- 1. Unequal access to information # a potential contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant has access to non-public information through its performance on a government contract.
- 2. Biased ground rules # a potential contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant has worked, in one government contract, or program, on the basic structure or ground rules of another government contract,
- 3. Impaired objectivity # a potential contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant, or member of their immediate family (spouse, parent or child) has financial or other interests that would impair, or give the appearance of impairing, impartial judgment in the evaluation of government programs, in offering advice or recommendations to the government, or in providing technical assistance or other services to recipients of Federal funds as part of its contractual responsibility.
  "Impaired objectivity" includes but is not limited to the following situations that would cause a reasonable person with knowledge of the relevant facts to question a person's objectivity: - financial interests or reasonably foreseeable financial interests in or in connection with products, property, or services that may be purchased by an educational agency, a person, organization, or institution in the course of implementing any program administered by the Department; - significant connections to teaching methodologies or approaches that might require or encourage the use of specific products, property or services; or - significant identification with pedagogical or philosophical viewpoints that might require or encourage the use of a specific curriculum, specific products, property or services. Offerors must provide the disclosure described above on any actual or potential conflict of interest (or apparent conflict of interest) regardless of their opinion that such a conflict or potential conflict (or apparent conflict of interest) would not impair their objectivity. In a case in which an actual or potential conflict (or apparent conflict of interest) is disclosed, the Department will take appropriate actions to eliminate or address the actual or potential conflict, including but not limited to mitigating or neutralizing the conflict, when appropriate, through such means as ensuring a balance of views, disclosure with the appropriate disclaimers, or by restricting or modifying the work to be performed to avoid or reduce the conflict. In this clause , the term "potential conflict" means reasonably foreseeable conflict of interest.
- (B) The contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant agrees that if "impaired objectivity", or an actual or potential conflict of interest (or apparent conflict of interest) is discovered after the award is made, it will make a full disclosure in writing to the Contracting Officer. This disclosure shall include a description of actions that the Contractor has taken or proposes to take, after consultation with the Contracting Officer, to avoid, mitigate, or neutralize the actual or potential conflict (or apparent conflict of interest).
- (C) Remedies The Government may terminate this contract for convenience, in whole or in part, if it deems such termination necessary to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest. If the Contractor was aware of a potential conflict of interest prior to award or discovered an actual or potential conflict after award and did not disclose or misrepresented relevant information to the Contracting Officer, the Government may terminate the contract for default, or pursue such other remedies as may be permitted by law or this contract. These remedies include imprisonment for up to five years for violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 1001 and fines of up to \$5000 for violation of Title 31, U.S. Code, Section 3802. Further remedies include suspension or debarment from contracting with the federal government. The Contractor may also be required to reimburse the Department for costs the Department incurs arising from activities related to conflicts of interest. An example of such costs would be those incurred in processing Freedom of Information Act requests related to a conflict of interest.

  (D) In cases where remedies short of termination have been applied, the contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant agrees to eliminate the organizational conflict of interest, or mitigate it to the satisfaction of the Contracting Officer.

  (E) The Contractor further agrees to insert in any subcontract or consultant agreement hereunder,
- (E) The Contractor further agrees to insert in any subcontract or consultant agreement hereunder, provisions which shall conform substantially to the language of this clause, including specific mention of potential remedies and this paragraph (E).

Conflict of Interest Certification

The Offeror, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, hereby certifies that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, there are no present or currently planned interests (financial, contractual, organizational, or otherwise) relating to the work to be performed under the contract or task order resulting from Request for Proposal No. \_\_\_\_\_\_ that would create any actual or potential conflict of interest (or apparent conflicts of interest) (including conflicts of interest for immediate family members: spouses, parents, children) that would impinge on its ability to render impartial, technically sound, and objective assistance or advice or result in it being given an unfair competitive advantage. In this clause, the term "potential conflict" means reasonably foreseeable conflict of interest. The Offeror

further certifies that it has and will continue to exercise due diligence in identifying and removing or mitigating, to the Government's satisfaction, such Conflict of Interest (or apparent conflict of interest).
Offeror's Name
RFP/Contract No
Signature
Title
Date
K. 2 310-1 REPRESENTATION AUTHORITY (JANUARY 2005)
Based on a FAR change, specifically in reference to FAR clauses 52.204-8,
Annual Representations and Certifications, and 52.212-3, Offeror
Representations and Certifications - Commercial Items, vendors are required
to use the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA), a
new, web-based, Federal Integrated Acquisition Environment (IAE) initiative
that centralizes and standardizes the collection, storage and viewing of
many of the representations and certifications required by the Federal
Acquisition Regulations (FAR) and previously found in Section K. Vendors
should go to http://orca.bpn.gov/ to complete the requirements of Section K
of the solicitation. However, all FAR and ED clauses NOT in ORCA should
still be completed.
The offeror makes the following Representations and Certifications as
part of its proposal (check or complete all appropriate boxes or
blanks on the following pages).
(Name of Offeror) (RFP No.)
(Name of Offerol)
(Signature of (Date) Authorized Individual)
(TYPED NAME OF AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL)
Note: The penalty for making false statements in offers is
prescribed in 18 U.S.C. 1001.
The Representations and Certifications must be executed by an
individual authorized to bind the offeror.

K. 3 310-16 POST EMPLOYMENT CONFLICT OF INTEREST (MARCH 1985)

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The contractor certifies that in developing a proposal in response to the solicitation for this contract, it has not utilized the services of any former Education Department (ED) employee who, while working for the Government, participated personally and substantially in, or was officially responsible for, the development or drafting of the solicitation for this contract. The contractor further certifies that it did not utilize the services of such an ED employee in assisting or representing the offeror at negotiations for this contract.

#### K. 4 313-1 CERTIFICATION OF SUBCONTRACTING (AUGUST 1998)

I certify that at least the percentage of work required by 13 CFR 124.314 shall be performed by employees of my firm and that SBA approval will be obtained prior to entering into a subcontract with any other concern. Those percentages are:

- [\_] SERVICES (except construction) -- At least 50 percent of the cost o contract performance incurred for labor must be expended for employees of the 8(a) concern.
- $[\_]$  SUPPLIES (other than from regular dealer) -- At least 50 percent of the cost of manufacturing the supplies, not including the cost of materials.
- [\_] GENERAL CONSTRUCTION -- At least 15 percent of the cost of the contract, not including the cost of materials, must be expended for employees of the 8(a) concern.
- [\_] CONSTRUCTION BY SPECIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS -- At least 25 percent of the cost of contract, no including the cost of materials, must be expended form employees of the 8(a) concern.

### K. 5 52.215-6 PLACE OF PERFORMANCE (OCT 1997)

- (a) The offeror or respondent, in the performance of any contract resulting from this solicitation, /\_/ intends, /\_/ does not intend to use one or more plants or facilities located at a different address from the address of the offeror or respondent as indicated in this proposal or response to request for information.
- (b) If the offeror or respondent checks "intends" in paragraph (a) of this provision, it shall insert in the following spaces the required information:

Place of Performance (Street Address, City, State, County, Zip Code)	Name and Address of Owner and Operator of the Plant or Facility if Other than Offeror or Respondent

(End of Provision)

### K. 6 310-10 GENERAL FINANCIAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION (APRIL 1984)

Offerors or quoters are requested to provide information regarding the following items in sufficient detail to allow a full and complete business evaluation. If the question indicated is not applicable or the answer is none, it should be annotated. If the offeror has previously submitted the information, it should certify the validity of that data currently on file at ED or

update all outdated information on file. (A) Contractor's Name: \_ (B) Address (If financial records are maintained at some other location, show the address of the place where the records are kept): (C) Telephone Number: \_ (D) Individual(s) to contact re this proposal: \_\_\_\_\_ Cognizant Government: Audit Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_ Auditor: (F) (1) Work Distribution for the Last Completed Fiscal Accounting Period: Sales: Government cost-reimbursement type prime contracts and subcontracts: Government fixed-price prime contracts and subcontracts: Commercial Sales: Total Sales: (2) Total Sales for first and second fiscal years immediately preceding last completed fiscal year. Total Sales for First Preceding Fiscal Year Total Sales for Second Preceding Fiscal Year (G) Is company an ED rate entity or division? If a division or subsidiary corporation, name parent company: (H) Date Company Organized: \_\_\_ (I) Manpower: Total Employees: \_\_\_ Direct: Indirect: Standard Work Week (Hours): \_\_\_\_\_ (J) Commercial Products: \_ (K) Attach a current organizational chart of the company. (L) Description of Contractor's system of estimating and accumulating costs under Government contracts. (Check appropriate blocks.) Estimated/ Standard Actual Cost Cost Estimating System Job Order Process Accumulating System Job Order Process Has your cost estimating system been approved by any Government agency? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No If yes, give name and location of agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Has your cost accumulation system been approved by any Government agency? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_ If yes, give name and address of agency: (M) What is your fiscal year period? (Give month-to-month dates): What were the indirect cost rates for your last completed fiscal year? Fiscal Indirect Basis Year Cost Rate Allocation Fringe Benefits Overhead

	G&A Expense
	Other
(N)	Have the proposed indirect cost rate(s) been evaluated and
(,	accepted by any Government agency? Yes No
	If yes, name and location of the Government agency:
	Date of last pre-award audit review by a Government agency:
	(If the answer is no, data supporting the proposed rates
	must accompany the cost or price proposal. A breakdown of
	the items comprising overhead and G&A must be furnished.)
(0)	Cost estimating is performed by:
	Accounting Department:
	Contracting Department:
	Other (describe)
(P)	
	by a Government agency? Yes No
	If yes, name and location of the Government agency:
(Q)	Purchasing Procedures:
	Are purchasing procedures written? Yes No
	Has your purchasing system been approved by a Government
	agency? Yes No
	If yes, name and location of the Government agency:
(R)	Does your firm have an established written incentive
(10)	compensation or bonus plan? Yes No
	Compensation of Bonds plan. Teb no
K. 7	52.204-8 ANNUAL REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS (FEB 2009)
(a)	
( )	l) The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this acquisition is 541611
( )	2) The small business size standard is
	3) The small business size standard for a concern which submits an offer in its own name, other
	on a construction or service contract, but which proposes to furnish a product which it did not
	manufacture, is 500 employees.
(b)	
	1) If the clause at 52.204-7, Central Contractor Registration, is included in this solicitation,
	caph (d) of this provision applies.
	2) If the clause at 52.204-7 is not included in this solicitation, and the offeror is currently
	tered in CCR, and has completed the ORCA electronic ally, the offeror may choose to use paragraph
	this provision instead of completing the corresponding individual representations and fications in the solicitation. The offeror shall indicate which option applies by checking one
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- /\_/ (i) Paragraph (d) applies. /\_/ (ii) Paragraph (d) does not apply and the offeror has completed the individual representations and certifications in the solicitation. (C)
- (1) The following representations or certifications in ORCA are applicable to this solicitation as indicated:
- (i) 52.203-2, Certificate of Independent Price Determination. This provision applies to solicitations when a firm-fixed-price contract or fixed-price contract with economic price adjustment is contemplated, unless--
  - (A) The acquisition is to be made under the simplified acquisition procedures in Part 13;
- (B) The solicitation is a request for technical proposals under two-step sealed bidding procedures; or
  - (C) The solicitation is for utility services for which rates are set by law or regulation.
- (ii) 52.203-11, Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions. This provision applies to solicitations expected to exceed \$100,000.
- (iii) 52.204-3, Taxpayer Identification. This provision applies to solicitations that do not include the clause at 52.204-7, Central Contractor Registration.
- (iv) 52.204-5, Women-Owned Business (Other Than Small Business). This provision applies to solicitations that--
  - (A) Are not set aside for small business concerns;
  - (B) Exceed the simplified acquisition threshold; and
- (C) Are for contracts that will be performed in the United States or its outlying areas.
- (v) 52.209-5, Certification Regarding Responsibility Matters. This provision applies to solicitations where the contract value is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.
- (vi) 52.214-14, Place of Performance-Sealed Bidding. This provision applies to invitations for bids except those in which the place of performance is specified by the Government.
- (vii) 52.215-6, Place of Performance. This provision applies to solicitations unless the place of performance is specified by the Government.
- (viii) 52.219-1, Small Business Program Representations (Basic & Alternate I). This provision applies to solicitations when the contract will be performed in the United States or its outlying areas.
- (A) The basic provision applies when the solicitations are issued by other than DoD, NASA, and the Coast Guard.

- (B) The provision with its Alternate I applies to solicitations issued by DoD, NASA, or the Coast Guard.
- (ix) 52.219-2, Equal Low Bids. This provision applies to solicitations when contracting by sealed bidding and the contract will be performed in the United States or its outlying areas.
- (x) 52.222-22, Previous Contracts and Compliance Reports. This provision applies to solicitations that include the clause at 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity.
- (xi) 52.222-25, Affirmative Action Compliance. This provision applies to solicitations, other than those for construction, when the solicitation includes the clause at 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity.
- (xii) 52.222-38, Compliance with Veterans'' Employment Reporting Requirements. This provision applies to solicitations when it is anticipated the contract award will exceed the simplified acquisition threshold and the contract is not for acquisition of commercial items.
- (xiii) 52.223-1, Biobased Product Certification. This provision applies to solicitations that require the delivery or specify the use of USDA-designated items; or include the clause at 52.223-2, Affirmative Procurement of Biobased Products Under Service and Construction Contracts.
- (xiv) 52.223-4, Recovered Material Certification. This provision applies to solicitations that are for, or specify the use of, EPA-designated items.
- (xv) 52.225-2, Buy American Act Certificate. This provision applies to solicitations containing the clause at 52.225-1.
- (xvi) 52.225-4, Buy American Act-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act Certificate. (Basic, Alternate I, and Alternate II) This provision applies to solicitations containing the clause at 52.225-3.
  - (A) If the acquisition value is less than \$25,000, the basic provision applies.
- (B) If the acquisition value is \$25,000 or more but is less than \$50,000, the provision with its Alternate I applies.
- (C) If the acquisition value is \$50,000 or more but is less than \$67,826, the provision with its Alternate II applies.
- (xvii) 52.225-6, Trade Agreements Certificate. This provision applies to solicitations containing the clause at 52.225-5.
- (xviii) 52.225-20, Prohibition on Conducting Restricted Business Operations in Sudan-Certification.
- (xix) 52.226-2, Historically Black College or University and Minority Institution Representation. This provision applies to--
- (A) Solicitations for research, studies, supplies, or services of the type normally acquired from higher educational institutions; and
- (B) For DoD, NASA, and Coast Guard acquisitions, solicitations that contain the clause at 52.219-23, Notice of Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns.
  - (2) The following certifications are applicable as indicated by the Contracting Officer:
    - (i) 52.219-19, Small Business Concern Representation for the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program.
    - (ii) 52.219-21, Small Business Size Representation for Targeted Industry Categories Under the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program.
    - (iii) 52.219-22, Small Disadvantaged Business Status.
      - (A) Basic.
    - (B) Alternate I.
    - (iv) 52.222-18, Certification Regarding Knowledge of Child Labor for Listed End Products.
    - (v) 52.222-48, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Act to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment Certification.
    - (vi) 52.222-22 Exemption from Application of the Service
      - Contract Act to Contracts for Certain Services-Certification.

    - (viii) 52.223-13, Certification of Toxic Chemical Release Reporting.
    - (ix) 52.227-6, Royalty Information.

accurate, and complete as of the date of this offer.

- (A) Basic.
- (B) Alternate I.
- (x) 52.227-15, Representation of Limited Rights Data and Restricted Computer Software.

(d) The offeror has completed the annual representations and certifications electronically via the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA) website at http://orca.bpn.gov. After reviewing the ORCA database information, the offeror verifies by submission of the offer that the representations and certifications currently posted electronically that apply to this solicitation as indicated in paragraph (c) of this provision have been entered or updated within the last 12 months, are current, accurate, complete, and applicable to this solicitation (including the business size standard applicable to the NAICS code referenced for this solicitation), as of the date of this offer and are incorporated in this offer by reference (see FAR 4.1201); except for the changes identified below [offeror to insert changes, identifying change by clause number, title, date]. These amended representation(s) and/or certification(s) are also incorporated in this offer and are current,

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Clause	Title	Date	Change

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Any changes provided by the offeror are applicable to this solicitation only, and do not result in an update to the representations and certifications posted on ORCA.

(End of Provision)

## SECTION L INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS, AND NOTICES TO OFFERORS

#### L. 1 311-1 TYPE OF CONTRACT (MARCH 1986)

The Government contemplates award of a Firm Fixed Price type contract from this solicitation.

#### L. 2 311-2 GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS (APRIL 1999)

The following instructions establish the acceptable minimum requirements for the format and content of proposals: Your special attention is directed to the requirements for technical and business proposals and past performance report to be submitted in accordance with these instructions. Any resultant contract shall include the general provisions applicable to the selected offeror's organization and type of contract awarded. Copies of general provisions may be obtained by contacting the Contracting Officer. Any additional clauses required by public law, executive order, or acquisition regulations, in effect at the time of execution of the proposed contract, will be included. The proposal must be prepared in three parts: A "Technical Proposal," "Business Proposal," and a "Past Performance Report." Each of the parts shall be separate and complete in itself so that evaluation of one may be accomplished independently of evaluation of the other. The technical proposal must not contain reference to cost; however, resource information, such as data concerning labor hours and categories, materials, subcontracts, etc., must be contained in the technical proposal so that your understanding of the scope of the work may be evaluated. It must disclose your technical approach in sufficient detail to provide a clear and concise presentation that includes, but is not limited to, the requirements of the technical proposal instructions. The proposal must be signed by an official authorized to bind your organization. You must submit an original and (4) four copies of your organization. copies of your technical proposal and an original and (4) four copies of your business proposal and an original and one copy of your past performance report to: U.S. Department of Education Contracts and Acquisitions Management 550 12th Street, SW, 7th Floor Room 7148 , Washington, DC 20202 Hand-carried proposals must be delivered by entering the building andstopping at the Guard's Desk. Offerors are directed to call Elizabeth Price @ (202) 245-6185 , the Contracts and Acquisitions Management Procurement Technician responsible for receiving proposals (if no answer is received at this number please call the number listed under clause 311-6). Offerors should indicate the RFP number for which they are submitting a proposal and should have proper identification. Offerors will be required to sign in and be escorted to Contracts and Acquisitions Management, where the proposal will be officially received. Offerors should consider this delay in meeting the time specified for proposal receipt. The Government will evaluate proposals in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth in Section M (if applicable) of this request for proposals. Offerors are encouraged to submit proposals on recycled paper with a high post-consumer waste content. It is understood that your proposal will become part of the official contract file. The RFP does not commit the Government to pay any cost for the preparation and submission of a proposal. In addition, the Contracting Officer is the only individual who can legally commit the Government to the expenditure of public funds in connection with this proposed acquisition. The RFP and all of the attachments including the Statement of Work will be available on the OCFO Web Site from the Contract Information/Contract Documents On-Line Page. The Internet address is http://www.ed.gov/fund/contract/apply/currrfp.html. For technical questions on the Contracts Information Web Site, call Gary Weaver at 202/245-6138.

## L. 3 311-3 TECHNICAL PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS (MARCH 1986)

Proposals which merely offer to conduct a program in accordance with the requirements of the Government's scope of work will not be eligible for award. You must submit an explanation of the proposed technical approach in conjunction with the tasks to be performed in achieving the project objectives. A detailed work plan must be submitted indicating how each aspect of the statement of work is to be accomplished. Your technical approach should be in as much detail as you consider necessary to fully explain your proposed technical approach or method. The technical proposal should reflect a clear understanding of the nature of the work being undertaken. The technical proposal must include information on how the project is to be organized, staffed, and managed. Information should be provided which will demonstrate your understanding and management of important events or tasks. must explain how the management and coordination of consultant and/or subcontractor efforts will be accomplished. The technical proposal must include a list of names and proposed duties of the professional personnel, consultants, and key subcontractor employees assigned to the project. resumes should be included and should contain information on education, background, recent experience, and specific requirement related or technical accomplishments. The approximate percentage of time each individual will be available for this project must be included. The proposed staff hours for each of the above individuals should be allocated against each task or subtask for the project. The technical proposal must provide the general background, experience, and qualifications of the organization. Similar or related contracts, subcontracts, or grants should be included and contain the name of the customer, contract or grant number, dollar amount, time of performance, and the names and telephone numbers of the project officer and contracting/grants officer. The technical proposal must contain a discussion of present or proposed facilities and equipment which will be used in the performance of the contract. The technical proposal must be prepared and submitted in the following format: (See Additional Proposal Instructions for specific proposal instructions)

### L. 4 311-4a BUSINESS PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS (AUG 2007)

The offeror(s) business proposal must contain the following information. This RFP may contain additional RFP-specific business proposal instructions elsewhere in Section L or in Section J. A. Standard Form 33, "Solicitation, Offer and Award", the Special Provision article entitled "Contract Administrator, and "Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Offerors or Quoters of Section K" must be properly filled out and signed by an official authorized to bind the offeror. Your proposal must stipulate that it is predicated upon all the terms and conditions of this RFP. B. The information, if any, required by the provision FAR 52.215-20, "Requirements for Cost or Pricing Data or Information Other Than Cost or Pricing Data, Alternative IV" as incorporated in Section L of this solicitation. C. Property and equipment - It is ED policy that contractors provide all equipment and facilities necessary for performance of contracts; however, in some instances, an exception may be granted to furnish Government-owned property or to authorize purchase with contract funds. If additional equipment must be acquired, you must include in your proposal the description and estimated cost of each item, and whether you propose to acquire the item with your own funds. The description shall include the following elements for individual items which will exceed \$1,000 in cost: (1) A brief statement of function; (2) manufacturer and manufacturer's brand name, model or part number; and (3) vendor and its proposed price. You must identify all Government-owned property in your possession and all property acquired from Federal funds, to which you have title, that is proposed to be used in the performance of the prospective contract. D. Other Administrative Details: (1) The proposal shall list the names and telephone numbers of persons authorized to conduct negotiations. (2) Block 12 of Standard Form 33 must contain a Statement to the effect that your offer is firm for a period of at least 90 Enter number of calendar days offer is firm for calendar days from the date of receipt of offers specified by the Government. E. Responsibility of Prospective Contractor - In order for an offeror to receive a contract, the contracting officer must first make an affirmative determination that the prospective contractor is responsible in accordance with the provisions of FAR 9.104. To assist the contracting officer in this regard, the offeror shall supply sufficient categorical descriptions and statements to establish the following: (1) The offeror's financial capability; including detail for the accounting system and controls employed by the offeror; (2) the offeror's capability to meet delivery or performance schedules; (3) the offeror's record of past performance, including a listing of references with contract and grant numbers and the addresses and phone numbers of those with whom the offeror has most recently conducted business. (4) the offeror's record of business integrity; (5) the offeror's possession of necessary organizational experience, technical skills or the ability to obtain them; (6) the offeror's possession of necessary facilities; or the ability to obtain them; (7) the offeror's compliance with subcontract requirements; and (8) any other special considerations involved in the acquisition. F. Conflict of Interest Plan - The Offeror shall submit a Conflict of Interest Plan, providing details on its policies and procedures to identify and avoid potential organizational or personal conflicts of interest (or apparent conflicts of interest). The Plan should also address procedures taken to neutralize or mitigate such conflicts, if they have not been or cannot be avoided. The Plan should indicate that such policies and procedures are operative throughout the period of performance of the contract or task order. The policies should address, at a minimum, gifts, outside activities financial interests, or other significant connections or identifications that would establish, or give the appearance of establishing, a conflict of interest. A method for periodically reviewing financial interests of employees, subcontractors and consultants, and their immediate families, in order to assess actual or apparent conflicts of interest should be included in the plan. In this clause, the term "potential conflict" means reasonably foreseeable conflict of interest. The thoroughness, completeness and effectiveness of the Plan shall be evaluated as part of the Offeror's overall proposal. The Plan will be incorporated into the contract or task order awarded to the successful Offeror. NOTE: THESE DESCRIPTIONS AND STATEMENTS SHOULD ALSO BE INCORPORATED IN THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL, AS CONDUCIVE OF SEPARATE EXAMINATION BY THE TECHNICAL EVALUATORS DURING THE PROCESS OF TECHNICAL EVALUATION.

### L. 5 311-5 FORMS CLEARANCE PROCESS (MARCH 1986)

Reference is made to the General Provision entitled "Paperwork Reduction Act." If the contractor has proposed the use of any plan, questionnaire, interview guide or other similar device which calls either for answers to identical questions from ten or more persons other than Federal employees or information from Federal employees which is outside the scope of their employment, any of which is to be used by the Federal Government or disclosed to third parties, clearances from the Deputy Under Secretary for Management or his/her delegate within the Department of Education and the Office of Management and Budget shall first be obtained. Those should be expected to take at least 120 days together. Offerors' proposals shall accordingly reflect that 120 day period in proposal timelines if the Paperwork Reduction Act is applicable.

L. 6 311-7 PROVISION FOR EVALUATION FACTOR AMENDMENTS (MARCH 1986)

It is hereby provided that the evaluation factors for award under Section M herein shall not be modified except by a formal amendment to this solicitation and that no factors other than those set forth in that section shall be used in the evaluation of the technical proposals.

## L. 7 314-1 PAST PERFORMANCE REPORT (MAR 1996)

Each offeror shall submit the following information as a separately bound part of its proposal for both the offeror and proposed major subcontractors. Major, as defined here and in the remainder of sections L and M regarding past performance, is any subcontractor that is subcontracted for a minimum of 25% of the total contract amount. Each major subcontractor shall identify the name of the prime contractor on each of its past performance forms. If the offeror has no relevant corporate or organizational past performance, the offeror may substitute past performance of a predecessor company or of the offeror's management

or proposed key personnel who have relevant experience.

A. Each offeror shall submit information about its most recent four contracts, completed in the last three years or currently in process, which are of similar size, scope, complexity or, in any way, are relevant to the effort required by this solicitation. If the offeror's last four similar contracts are all currently in process, submit the last three similar contracts currently in process, and the most recent similar contract completed within the last three years. Contracts listed may include those entered into by the Federal Government, agencies of State and local governments and commercial customers. Contracts with the parent or an affiliate of the offeror may not be used.

Include the following information for each contract and subcontract:

- 1. Identification
  - a. Name of the contracting activity
  - b. Program title or product name
  - c. Contract number
  - d. Contract type
  - e. Period of performance, including all option periods
  - f. Contract Value:
    - (1) Initial projected total contract amount including all option periods
    - (2) Final or current projected total contract amount including all option periods
  - g. Points of Contact
    - (1) Contracting officer and telephone and fax number and e-mail address (if known)
    - (2) Administrative contracting officer, if different from above, and telephone and fax number and e-mail address (if known)
    - (3) Program manager, COTR or technical officer and telephone and fax number and e-mail address (if known)
- 2. Work performed and relevance
  - a. Brief synopsis of work performed
  - b. Brief discussion of how the work performed is relevant to the statement of work in this solicitation
  - c. Brief, specific examples of the offeror's high quality performance
- 3. If any of the listed contracts are award-fee or incentive contracts, include a table showing fees awarded and the minimum and maximum available fee for each period.

- 4. Paragraph E. below requires you to send a copy of the "Contractor Information Form" to each of your references. In your past performance report, include:
  - a. The date you sent the "Contractor Information Form" to each reference.
  - b. How you sent it (e.g., fax, mail, express delivery service, courier, e-mail, etc.).c. To whom you sent it including telephone and fax
  - c. To whom you sent it including telephone and fax number and e-mail address (if known).
- B. The offeror may provide information on problems encountered on the contracts and subcontracts identified in A above and corrective actions taken to resolve those problems. Other than the information requested in A above, offerors should not provide general information on their performance on the identified contracts. General performance information will be obtained from the references.
- C. Offerors should understand the difference between experience and past performance. Experience reflects the offeror's capability of performing a requirement. Past performance reflects how well it has performed similar requirements. In assessing past performance, the quality of the offeror's past performance is of primary significance, not the quantity of previous contracts performed. An offeror's experience will be evaluated in the technical proposal. For further guidance on including information on experience or how experience will be evaluated refer to the technical proposal instructions and evaluation criteria.
- D. The offeror may describe any quality awards or certifications that indicate the offeror possesses a high-quality process for developing and producing the product or service required. Such awards or certifications include, for example, the Malcolm Baldrige Quality Award, other government quality awards, and private sector awards or certifications(e.g., the automobile industry's QS 9000, Sematech's SSQA, or ANSI/EIA-599).

Identify which segment of the company (one division or the entire company) received the award or certification. Describe when the award or certification was bestowed. If the award or certification is over three years old, present evidence that the qualifications still apply. Information about awards will be considered in evaluation of each of the past performance subfactors described in Section M. The offeror may describe how the award relates to one or more of the subfactors. No later than the date proposals are due under this solicitation (see Block 9 of Standard Form 33), send a copy to each of your four references of the "Contractor Performance Information" form attached to this solicitation. Ask each reference to complete the form and return it to the contracting officer as prescribed on the form. Completed forms from references are due 10 calendar days after the date proposals are due under this solicitation. Request that the reference please return the completed form to the contracting officer by this date. Do not ask the reference to give you a copy of the completed form or any information therefrom. Beyond that initial request, you do not need to follow up with the reference; the contracting officer will contact the reference if necessary.

F. Each offeror will be evaluated on its performance under existing and prior contracts for similar products or services. Performance information will be used for both responsibility determinations and as an evaluation factor against which offerors' relative rankings will be compared to assure best value to the government. The government will focus on information that demonstrates quality of performance relative to the size and complexity of the procurement under consideration. The "Contractor Performance Information" form identified in Section J will be used to collect this information. References other than those identified by the offeror may be contacted by the Government with the information received in the evaluation of the offeror's past performance.

### L. 8 52.215-16 FACILITIES CAPITAL COST OF MONEY (JUN 2003)

- (a) Facilities capital cost of money will be an allowable cost under the contemplated contract, if the criteria for allowability in FAR 31.205-10(b) are met. One of the allowability criteria requires the prospective Contractor to propose facilities capital cost of money in its offer.
- (b) If the prospective Contractor does not propose this cost, the resulting contract will include the clause Waiver of Facilities Capital Cost of Money.

(End of Provision)

### L. 9 Additional Proposal Instructions

#### ADDITIONAL PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS

#### SOLICITATION RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS

- (a) Each offeror's written proposal shall be prepared in accordance with these instructions and shall be evaluated in accordance with the evaluation criteria and evaluation standards in Section M. Evaluation Factors for Award. Proposals must include necessary information to enable the Source Selections Evaluation Panel Members to form a definitive conclusion regarding each offeror's ability to perform the required services.
- (b) The proposal shall be accompanied by a cover letter (letter of transmittal) prepared on the company's letterhead stationery. The cover letter (letter of transmittal) shall identify all enclosures being transmitted and shall be used only to transmit the proposal and shall include no other information. The first page of the proposal must show -
- (1) The solicitation number; (2) The name, address, and telephone and facsimile numbers of the offeror(and electronic address if available); (3) A statement specifying the extent of agreement with all terms, conditions, and provisions included in the solicitation and agreement to furnish any or all items upon which prices are offered at the price set opposite each item; (4) Names, titles, and telephone and facsimile numbers (and electronic addresses if available) of persons authorized to negotiate on the offerors behalf with the Government in connection with this solicitation; and (5) Name, title, and signature of person authorized to sign the proposal. Proposals signed by an agent shall be accompanied by evidence of that agent's authority, unless that evidence has been previously furnished to the issuing office.
- (c) Clarity and completeness of the proposal are of the utmost importance. The proposal must be written in a practical, clear and concise manner. It must use quantitative terms whenever possible and must avoid qualitative adjectives to the maximum extent possible. Proposal volumes must be internally consistent or the proposal will be considered unrealistic and may be considered unacceptable.
- (d) Offerors are encouraged to suggest alternate, more efficient or innovative ways to execute the tasks as outlined in the Performance Work Statement (PWS). Offerors shall fully describe and justify significant differences in approaches or deviations from the tasks/subtasks, as described in the PWS.

#### SPECIFIC PROPOSAL PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

- (e) Written proposals shall be submitted in three volumes as outlined below. Offerors shall attach a cover sheet to the outer cover of each volume, which clearly identifies each volume, by volume number, volume name, and copy number (i.e., Volume I, Technical /Management Proposal, copy 2 of 6), RFP number, date of submission, and the Offerors name.
- (f) The table of contents shall list sections, subsections and page numbers. Each volume shall contain a glossary of all abbreviations and acronyms used. Each acronym used shall be spelled out in the text the first time it appears in each proposal volume
- (g) Each volume, other than the business volume, shall be written to the greatest extent possible on a stand-alone basis so that its content may be evaluated with a minimum of cross-referencing to other volumes of the proposal. Cross-referencing within a proposal volume is permitted where its use would conserve space without impairing clarity. Information required for proposal evaluation, which is not found in its designated volume or cross-referenced, is assumed omitted from the proposal.
- (h) Each volume shall include "Table of Contents" which provides enough detail to quickly locate key elements of the offer and tabs or dividers separating each volume section.
- (i) Each offeror shall submit an Executive Summary of no more than 1 page total, which summarizes the key points from the offerors proposal. The Executive Summary Section is not included in the page limitation.
- (j) Page Limitations for Proposals Technical and Business/Price proposals must be 30 pages or less, double-spaced, 12 point font, with a staffing plan consisting of 5 pages or less in a 12 point font. The page limit does not include resumes of staff or consultant commitment letters which may be single-spaced and shall be placed in an appendix. There is no page limit for the past performance volume.
- "Foldout" pages sized 11" x 17" are permitted for charts or other graphics that cannot be legibly presented on 8 1/2" x 11" paper. Margins shall be 1 inch on all sides in portrait orientation, except for information presented in tabular/graphic format and oral presentation charts; these exceptions may be prepared in landscape orientation. Offerors should ensure that each page provides identification of the submitting Offeror in the margin (header or footer). All pages of each part shall be appropriately numbered. Multiple pages or foldouts will count as an equivalent number of 8 1/2" x 11" pages.

Proposal contents that exceed the stated page limitations will be removed from the proposal by the Contracting Officer, prior to turning the proposal over to the Government evaluation teams, and will not be considered in the evaluation.

(k) Proposal Compliance Matrix - Offerors shall provide a proposal Compliance Matrix which maps each proposal submission requirement to the specific section of the offerors proposal that contains the

response. The matrix should be formatted as follows:

Applicable RFP Reference

Volume No., Section No., and Paragraph #(s) of the offerors proposal that addresses the requirement

(1) Offerors shall submit the following volumes of material in accordance with the outline, content requirements and page limitations indicated below

Volume I Technical Proposal
Volume II Business/Price Proposal
Volume III Past Performance

Volume I - Technical Proposal

A. Introduction. Provide a brief description of the offerors understanding of the requirement's objectives and scope of work.

Technical Approach - Provide a listing and description of the offerors technical approach to each task in the Performance Work Statement, to include how the tasks will be completed and the rationale and key considerations for approaching the tasks in the proposed manner.

Provide a listing and description of each task. Provide a schedule of delivery for each task area including time for Department review of draft deliverables. Provide time for any contractor internal review and clearance procedures. Provide a listing of any materials or services the offeror expects the Department to provide (e.g. data or equipment).

- B. Corporate Experience Discuss the relationship between past staff experience and proposed assignments for this requirement. Provide specific evidence of expertise and experience in CPIC and EA support , as well as expertise in building integrated shared data repositories, in the Federal and global commercial sectors. Each senior staff person and consultant must be clearly identified and his/her qualifications must be fully described, specifically all professional certifications, verifiable awards, and security clearance levels. Resumes must also be provided.
- C. Management Plan Provide an overall approach for how the project will be managed. Describe the project manager's role in the organization and clearly indicate who on the proposed team will have the prime responsibility for total coordination of each aspect of the requirement. Indicate the names of key personnel for each task, as well as hours to be allocated for each person, by-task. As appropriate, indicate significant non-personnel resources to be applied to each task. Provide evidence of the offerors' ability to acquire and maintain all required resources.

Indicate current time commitments to both federal and non-federal contractual obligations and consulting assignments for all personnel who will be assigned to this project. The proposal must identify assigned personnel by name and indicate the percentage of their time committed to those contractual obligations.

D. Qualifications of Proposed Personnel - Propose staff (to include subcontractors and consultants) that possess a bachelors degree, a minimum of five years experience in conducting federal government Capitol Planning activities for Task 2 and a minimum of five years of experience in conducting architecture activities for Task 3. A minimum of two years of experience with Hewlett Package Project and Portfolio Management (HP-PPM) software is preferred for Task 4. Key personnel shall also possess a minimum of ten years project management experience. A project management certification through the Project Management Institute (PMI) or a project management professional (PMP) is preferred. Proposed staff must be able to obtain the required security clearance(s), as set forth in the PWS. Resumes must be provided for verification purposes.

Volume II - Business/Price Proposal

Volume II shall be limited to price and business information. It shall include prices for the base period and each of the three option periods, as provided in Attachment D - B Tables. Offeror must propose a payment schedule, for the base period and each option period. (NOTE: Pricing for Task 3 shall only be priced and provided for the option periods)

Offerors shall provide a CD of all spreadsheets used in the Business Proposal. CDs shall be "read-only"

Offerors shall provide a CD of all spreadsheets used in the Business Proposal. CDs shall be "read-only" with one exception. One of the Volume II CDs shall be in read-or-write format, with spreadsheets unlinked to any other spreadsheets or other files.

Volume III - Past Performance

Volume III shall include all Past Performance information for at least 4 references for work of comparable complexity, nature, and scope. Refer to Section L.11 314-1 Past Performance Report.

- L. 10 52.215-1 I INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS--COMPETITIVE ACQUISITION (JAN 2004)--ALTERNATE I (OCT 1997)
  - (a) "Definitions." As used in this provision--

"Discussions" are negotiations that occur after establishment of the competitive range that may, at the Contracting Officer's discretion, result in the offeror being allowed to revise its proposal.

"In writing," "writing," or "written" means any worded or numbered expression that can be read, reproduced, and later communicated, and includes electronically transmitted and stored information.

"Proposal modification" is a change made to a proposal before the solicitation's closing date and time, or made in response to an amendment, or made to correct a mistake at any time before award.

"Proposal revision" is a change to a proposal made after the solicitation closing date, at the request of or as allowed by a Contracting Officer as the result of negotiations.

"Time," if stated as a number of days, is calculated using calendar days, unless otherwise specified, and will include Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. However, if the last day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the period shall include the next working day.

(b) "Amendments to solicitations." If this solicitation is amended, all terms and conditions that

are not amended remain unchanged. Offerors shall acknowledge receipt of any amendment to this solicitation by the date and time specified in the amendment(s).

(c) "Submission, modification, revision, and withdrawal of proposals."

(1) Unless other methods (e.g., electronic commerce or facsimile) are permitted in the solicitation, proposals and modifications to proposals shall be submitted in paper media in sealed envelopes or packages

(i) addressed to the office specified in the solicitation, and

(ii) showing the time and date specified for receipt, the solicitation number, and the name and address of the offeror. Offerors using commercial carriers should ensure that the proposal is marked on the outermost wrapper with the information in paragraphs (c)(1)(i) and (c)(1)(ii) of this provision.

(2) The first page of the proposal must show--

(i) The solicitation number;

- (ii) The name, address, and telephone and facsimile numbers of the offeror (and electronic address if available);
- (iii) A statement specifying the extent of agreement with all terms, conditions, and provisions included in the solicitation and agreement to furnish any or all items upon which prices are offered at the price set opposite each item;
- (iv) Names, titles, and telephone and facsimile numbers (and electronic addresses if available) of persons authorized to negotiate on the offeror's behalf with the Government in connection with this solicitation; and
- (v) Name, title, and signature of person authorized to sign the proposal. Proposals signed by an agent shall be accompanied by evidence of that agent's authority, unless that evidence has been previously furnished to the issuing office.

(3) "Submission, modification, revision, and withdrawal of proposals."

- (i) Offerors are responsible for submitting proposals, and any modifications or revisions, so as to reach the Government office designated in the solicitation by the time specified in the solicitation. If no time is specified in the solicitation, the time for receipt is 4:30 p.m., local time, for the designated Government office on the date that proposal or revision is due. (ii)
- (A) Any proposal, modification, or revision received at the Government office designated in the solicitation after the exact time specified for receipt of offers is "late" and will not be considered unless it is received before award is made, the Contracting Officer determines that accepting the late offer would not unduly delay the acquisition; and--
- (1) If it was transmitted through an electronic commerce method authorized by the solicitation, it was received at the initial point of entry to the Government infrastructure not later than 5:00 p.m. one working day prior to the date specified for receipt of proposals; or
- (2) There is acceptable evidence to establish that it was received at the Government installation designated for receipt of offers and was under the Government's control prior to the time set for receipt of offers; or

  (3) It is the only proposal received.
- (B) However, a late modification of an otherwise successful proposal that makes its terms more favorable to the Government, will be considered at any time it is received and may be accepted.
- (iii) Acceptable evidence to establish the time of receipt at the Government installation includes the time/date stamp of that installation on the proposal wrapper, other documentary evidence of receipt maintained by the installation, or oral testimony or statements of Government personnel.

  (iv) If an emergency or unanticipated event interrupts normal Government processes so that
- proposals cannot be received at the office designated for receipt of proposals by the exact time specified in the solicitation, and urgent Government requirements preclude amendment of the solicitation, the time specified for receipt of proposals will be deemed to be extended to the same time of day specified in the solicitation on the first work day on which normal Government processes resume.
- (v) Proposals may be withdrawn by written notice received at any time before award. Oral proposals in response to oral solicitations may be withdrawn orally. If the solicitation authorizes facsimile proposals, proposals may be withdrawn via facsimile received at any time before award, subject to the conditions specified in the provision at 52.215-5, Facsimile Proposals. Proposals may be withdrawn in person by an offeror or an authorized representative, if the identity of the person requesting withdrawal is established and the person signs a receipt for the proposal before award.

  (4) Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, the offeror may propose to provide any item or

combination of items.

- (5) Offerors shall submit proposals in response to this solicitation in English, unless otherwise permitted by the solicitation, and in U.S. dollars, unless the provision at FAR 52.225-17, Evaluation of Foreign Currency Offers, is included in the solicitation.
- (6) Offerors may submit modifications to their proposals at any time before the solicitation closing date and time, and may submit modifications in response to an amendment, or to correct a mistake at any time before award.
- (7) Offerors may submit revised proposals only if requested or allowed by the Contracting Officer. (8) Proposals may be withdrawn at any time before award. Withdrawals are effective upon receipt of notice by the Contracting Officer.
- (d) "Offer expiration date." Proposals in response to this solicitation will be valid for the number of days specified on the solicitation cover sheet (unless a different period is proposed by the

offeror).

- (e) "Restriction on disclosure and use of data." Offerors that include in their proposals data that they do not want disclosed to the public for any purpose, or used by the Government except for evaluation purposes, shall--
  - (1) Mark the title page with the following legend:

This proposal includes data that shall not be disclosed outside the Government and shall not be duplicated, used, or disclosed-in whole or in part-for any purpose other than to evaluate this proposal. If, however, a contract is awarded to this offeror as a result of-or in connection with-the submission of this data, the Government shall have the right to duplicate, use, or disclose the data to the extent provided in the resulting contract. This restriction does not limit the Government's right to use information contained in this data if it is obtained from another source without restriction. The data subject to this restriction are contained in sheets [insert numbers or other identification of sheets]; and
(2) Mark each sheet of data it wishes to restrict with the following legend:

Use or disclosure of data contained on this sheet is subject to the restriction on the title page of this proposal.
 (f) "Contract award."

- (1) The Government intends to award a contract or contracts resulting from this solicitation to the responsible offeror(s) whose proposal(s) represents the best value after evaluation in accordance with the factors and subfactors in the solicitation.
  - (2) The Government may reject any or all proposals if such action is in the Government's interest.
  - (3) The Government may waive informalities and minor irregularities in proposals received.

(f)

- (4) The Government intends to evaluate proposals and award a contract after conducting discussions with offerors whose proposals have been determined to be within the competitive range. If the Contracting Officer determines that the number of proposals that would otherwise be in the competitive range exceeds the number at which an efficient competition can be conducted, the Contracting Officer may limit the number of proposals in the competitive range to the greatest number that will permit an efficient competition among the most highly rated proposals. Therefore, the offeror's initial proposal should contain the offeror's best terms from a price and technical standpoint.
- (5) The Government reserves the right to  $ma\bar{k}e$  an award on any item for a quantity less than the quantity offered, at the unit cost or prices offered, unless the offeror specifies otherwise in the

proposal.

- (6) The Government reserves the right to make multiple awards if, after considering the additional administrative costs, it is in the Government's best interest to do so.
- (7) Exchanges with offerors after receipt of a proposal do not constitute a rejection or counteroffer by the Government.
- (8) The Government may determine that a proposal is unacceptable if the prices proposed are materially unbalanced between line items or subline items. Unbalanced pricing exists when, despite an acceptable total evaluated price, the price of one or more contract line items is significantly overstated or understated as indicated by the application of cost or price analysis techniques. A proposal may be rejected if the Contracting Officer determines that the lack of balance poses an unacceptable risk to the Government.
- (9) If a cost realism analysis is performed, cost realism may be considered by the source selection authority in evaluating performance or schedule risk.
- (10) A written award or acceptance of proposal mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful offeror within the time specified in the proposal shall result in a binding contract without further action by either party.
- (11) If a post-award debriefing is given to requesting offerors, the Government shall disclose the following information, if applicable:
   (i) The agency's evaluation of the significant weak or deficient factors in the debriefed
- offeror's offer.
- (ii) The overall evaluated cost or price and technical rating of the successful and the debriefed offeror and past performance information on the debriefed offeror.
- (iii) The overall ranking of all offerors, when any ranking was developed by the agency during source selection.
  - (iv) A summary of the rationale for award.
- (v) For acquisitions of commercial items, the make and model of the item to be delivered by the successful offeror.
- (vi) Reasonable responses to relevant questions posed by the debriefed offeror as to wh ether source-selection procedures set forth in the solicitation, applicable regulations, and other applicable authorities were followed by the agency.

(End of Provision)

ь. 11 311-9 COMMENTS ON SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT (JUNE 1998)

Small Business Comments are Important:

The Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman and 10 Regional Fairness Boards were established to receive comments

from small businesses about federal agency enforcement actions. The

Ombudsman will annually evaluate the enforcement activities and rate each agency's responsiveness to small business. If you wish to comment on the enforcement actions of the U.S. Department of Education, call 1-888-REG-FAIR (1-888-734-3247).

### L. 12 311-6 CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS (APRIL 1998)

Offerors must submit all clarification questions concerning this solicitation in writing to the contract specialist. Questions may be submitted via E-Mail, fax or regular mail to:

Veronica L. Price, Contract Specialist U.S. Department of Education OCFO/Contacts and Acquisitions Management 550-12th Street, SW Room 7148 Washington, DC 20202-4210 PHONE: 202-245-6158 FAX: 202-245-6278 ED will accept clarification questions until July 23, 2009 at 1:00 PM (EST). After this date ED does not guarantee that a response will be given.

Oral explanations or instructions given by the Government before the award of the contract(s) shall not be binding. Any information given to a prospective offeror concerning a solicitation will be furnished promptly to all other prospective offerors as an amendment to the solicitation, if that information is necessary in submitting offers or if a lack of it would be prejudicial to any other prospective offerors.

### L. 13 52.233-2 SERVICE OF PROTEST (SEP 2006)

- (a) Protests, as defined in section 33.101 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation, that are filed directly with an agency, and copies of any protests that are filed with the General Accountability Office (GAO), shall be served on the Contracting Officer (addressed as follows) by obtaining written and dated acknowledgment of receipt from Sherese P. Lewis, Contracting Officer U.S. Department of Education OCFO/Contracts and Acquisitions Management 550-12th Street, SW Room 7151 Washington, DC 20202-4210
- (b) The copy of any protest shall be received in the office designated above within one day of filing a protest with the GAO.

(End of Provision)

### L. 14 311-17 ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTION FOR PROPOSAL FOR

ADP SECURITY COMPLIANCE (FEBRUARY 1988)

Potential offerors are directed to the security requirements under the clause entitled "Information Technology System Security

Requirements", ED 307-13. Technical proposals must include a separately detailed plan for meeting these requirements, including any necessary subcontract applications. Submission of these plans shall serve as certifications of the offerors' full intent for compliance.

## SECTION M EVALUATION FACTORS FOR AWARD

- M. 1 312-2 EVALUATION FACTORS FOR AWARD (MAY 2004)
- (A) The Government will make award to the responsible offeror(s)whose offer conforms to the solicitation, has no deficiencies (as defined in FAR 15.001) and is most advantageous to the Government, cost or price and other factors considered. For this solicitation, price will be a substantial factor in source selection, however quality factors (including technical merit and past performance), considered together, are significantly more important than cost or price. The contracting officer will determine whether the difference in quality is worth the difference in cost or price.

#### (B) Past Performance

- 1. Each offeror's past performance will be evaluated based on the subfactors below. The past performance rating will be combined with the technical rating at a ratio of 36% past performance to technical to produce a combined quality rating. The relative importance of combined quality factors to cost or price is described in paragraph (A).
- 2. Past performance subfactors:
  - a. Quality of Product or Service compliance with contract requirements - accuracy of reports - appropriateness of personnel - technical excellence.
  - b. Problem Resolution anticipates and avoids or mitigates problems - satisfactorily overcomes or resolves problems prompt notification of problems - pro-active - effective contractor-recommended solutions.
  - c. Cost Control within budget current, accurate and complete billings - costs properly allocated - unallowable costs not billed - relationship of negotiated costs to actual - cost efficiencies.
  - d. Timeliness of Performance meets interim milestones reliable - stays on schedule despite problems - responsive to technical direction - completes on time, including wrap-up and contract administration - no liquidated damages assessed.
  - e. Business Relations effective management use of performance-based management techniques business-like concern for the customer's interests effective management and selection of subcontractors effective small/small disadvantaged business subcontracting program reasonable/cooperative behavior effective use of technology in management and communication flexible minimal staff turnover maintains high employee morale resolves disagreements without being unnecessarily litigious.
  - f. Customer Service understands and embraces service and program goals team approach with the customer satisfaction of end users with the contractor's service positive customer feedback prompt responses courteous interactions effective escalations and referrals initiative and proactive improvements creative service strategies.
  - Bonus Rating--Where the offeror has demonstrated an exceptional performance level in any of the above six subfactors, the contracting officer may give additional consideration for that factor. It is expected that this rating will be used in those rare circumstances when contractor performance clearly exceeds the performance level of "excellent."
- 3. Past performance evaluation will be based on information obtained from the awards and references listed in the offeror's proposal, other customers known to the Government, consumer protection organizations, and others who may have useful and relevant information. Information will also be considered regarding any major subcontractors, and key personnel records. The currency and relevance of the information, source of the information, context

- of the data, and general trends in contractor's performance will be considered. The contracting officer will give greater consideration to information about an offeror's past performance that the contracting officer considers either more reliable or more relevant to the effort required by this solicitation.
- 4. Evaluation of past performance may be quite subjective, based on consideration of all relevant facts and circumstances. It will include consideration of the offeror's commitment to customer satisfaction and will include conclusions of informed judgement.
- 5. An offeror will be given an opportunity to discuss adverse past performance information, if the offeror has not had a previous opportunity to comment on the information. The contracting officer may review recent contracts to ensure that corrective measures raised in discussions have been implemented. Prompt corrective action in an isolated instance might not outweigh an overall negative trend.
- 6. If no relevant information on past performance is available for an offeror, the offeror will not be evaluated favorably or unfavorably credit.
- (C) Technical Evaluation Criteria: In accordance with the technical evaluation criteria, technical solutions that exceed any mandatory minimums will be given appropriate evaluation.

The technical proposal volume will be evaluated based on the following evaluation criteria:

- I. Technical approach 30 POINTS TOTAL
- 1. (20 Points) The offerors approach for achieving the task requirements and objectives, contains realistic timeframes for task completion and timely submission of deliverables, with specific emphasis given to the following requirements:
- a. PMO services 5 points
- b. IAMT ITIM Tasks 5 points
- c. EA Tasks 5 points
- d. Optional Task  $\bar{4}$  to develop a shared repository that replaces the current separate repositories 5 points
- 2. (10 Points) The Offeror provides a sound technical approach, to include industry-proven or innovative methods to accomplish tasks.
- II. Corporate Experience 20 POINTS TOTAL
- 1. The Offeror provides a description of relevant experience on similar projects of equivalent complexity (as evidenced by information contained in staff resumes), with emphasis on the following: a. (10 Points) Demonstration of expertise and experience in CPIC and EA support including research and analysis for organizations from the Federal sector.
- b.  $(\bar{1}0 \text{ Points})$  Demonstration of expertise and experience in building integrated shared data repositories.
- III. Management Plan 20 POINTS TOTAL
- 1. (10 Points) The Offeror provides detailed management plan depicting how work will be conducted and managed. The Offeror provides evidence of their ability to manage all proposed resources (personnel and non-personnel) referenced in their proposal.
- 2. (10 Points) The Offeror demonstrates their ability to retain and ensure the availability and commitment of key personnel from project initiation through life of the project. The Offeror provides firm commitments from all proposed consultants and subcontractors.
- IV. Qualifications of Proposed Personnel 30 POINTS TOTAL
- 1. (20 Points) Key personnel possess the experience, education, and skills necessary to fulfill expected roles and responsibilities, as outlined in the PWS. Specifically, staff(to include subcontractors and consultants) possess a bachelors degree, a minimum of five years experience in conducting federal government capitol planning activities for Task 2 and a minimum of five years of experience in conducting architecture activities for Task 3. A minimum of two years of experience with Hewlett Package Project and Portfolio Management (HP-PPM) software (preferred) for Task 4. Key personnel also possess a minimum of ten years project management experience with project management certification through the Project Management Institute (PMI) project management professional (PMP)(preferred). Proposed staff are able to obtain the required security clearance(s) set forth in the PWS
- 2. (10 Points) Information is provided which supports the abilities, expertise, experience, and certifications, as provided in the offerors proposal.

## M.2 Price Evaluation

The Government will evaluate each offerors price quote as follows:

- 1) Evaluation of the proposed total price to the Government over the 3 years and six month performance period to determine that the proposed price is valid, realistic and consistent with the offerors technical proposal and cost model. The Government will assess the validity and realism of the cost model to calculate an expected cost that will be used in the best value determination. The expected cost may be different from that in the offerors proposal.
- 2) Evaluation of prices proposed to be incorporated into Section B of the contract. The Government will evaluate these prices and supporting data to verify that they are reasonable, realistic, balanced and consistent with the cost model, basis of estimates and PWS.

NOTE: Offerors shall have personnel that are knowledgeable of or have been involved in the preparation of the price quote, available to speak with the Government evaluators, as required.